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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements filed in the instant application on October 24, 2001 and July 30, 2003, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

In a Chinese Office Action dated September 26, 2003 for corresponding Chinese Patent Application No. 01120682.9, the following documents were cited:

U.S. Patent No. 5,789,859 to WATKINS et al., issued on August 4, 1998;

U.S. Patent No. 4,486,686 to DELLA PORTA, issued on December 4, 1984; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-195447, published on July 14, 2000, together with an English language Abstract.

The category of relevance and pertinent portions of these documents are as noted on the attached copy of the Chinese Office Action, together with an English language translation of the

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same.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to issuance of an Office Action on the merits, Applicant has provided below a Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), and thus, believes no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any necessary additional fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), the undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. Of course, this statement does not apply to information that has previously been cited by Applicant or the Examiner in the present application as that information is already of record and no certification is necessary.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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